Docket No. 192697US0PCT

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-D PROCEDURE EXAMINING

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hirotoshi ISHIDA, et al.

SERIAL NO: 09/581,180

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July 14, 2000

FOR:

GRANULAR SWEETENER

GROUP ART UNIT: 1761

EXAMINER:

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SIR:

Now comes the undersigned, Attorney of Record in the present application, who avers as follows:

AJINOMOTO CO., INC. is the owner of the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention claimed and disclosed in the above-captioned patent application by virtue of assignment, said Assignment having been recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at reel no. 011734, frame(s) 0785.

AJINOMOTO CO., INC. hereby disclaims the terminal part of any patent granted on the above-captioned application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer of any patent issuing from application Serial No. 09/581,181, and hereby agrees that any patent so granted on said above-captioned application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the legal title to said patent shall be the same as the legal title to any patent issuing from application Serial No. 09/581,181, this agreement to run with any patent granted on the above-captioned application and to be binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

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Respectfully Submitted.

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SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Request for Reconsideration (w/attached Marked-Up Copy) in the above-identified application.

- □ No additional fee is required
- □ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- Additional documents filed herewith:

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